

Republican Leadership on Energy Infrastructure and Innovation

House Energy and Commerce Republicans introduced several energy-related bills this Congress to make real-world differences for every American. The bills focus on affordable and reliable energy, innovative new energy technologies that give consumers more choices and better options, and strong protections for the environment and our natural resources. These are the types of measures that will encourage investments in new infrastructure and jobs, remove regulatory barriers to permitting and licensing new and existing projects, and deploy zero emissions and low emissions power generation from all types of energy resources.

Instead of working with Republicans to find bipartisan solutions that can actually become law and improve our nation's energy infrastructure and technologies, Democrats crafted their own partisan energy bill, H.R. 4447, with zero input from Republicans. Their bill is heavy on spending hard-earned taxpayer's money (more than \$135 billion) and driven by radical Green New Deal policies; but lacks any meaningful regulatory or permitting reform, which is the real impediment to a modern energy system.

The legislative efforts highlighted below will spur American innovation, grow the economy, create American jobs, and strengthen our energy security and geopolitics, particularly with China.

Having filed the bills below as amendments to H.R. 4447, Republicans encourage Democrats to come to the table and work in a bipartisan manner to develop U.S. energy policies that will prioritize keeping the lights on, keeping consumer costs down, and keeping America secure.

<u>Nuclear</u>

- H.R. 7405, the Strengthening American Nuclear Competitiveness Act (*Johnson*) expedites the review of nuclear energy technology exports, which will improve nuclear competitiveness and commerce while reducing emissions.
- H.R. 7406, the Nuclear Licensing Efficiency Act (Kinzinger) updates the Nuclear Regulatory Commission procedures to increase the efficiency of nuclear technology permitting and licensing decisions.
- H.R. 7814, the Nuclear Prosperity and Security Act (Latta) creates a uranium reserve to build our domestic fuel supply chain and ensure the United States maintains a domestic supply in the event of market disruption.
- H.R. 7817, the Modernize Nuclear Reactor Environmental Reviews Act (*Duncan*) facilitates efficient, timely environmental reviews for nuclear reactor licensing actions to accelerate the deployment of nuclear reactors, which generate zero-emissions electricity.

Natural Gas and LNG

H.R. 3983, Promoting Interagency Coordination for Review of Natural Gas Pipelines Act
(Flores) – Expands access to affordable and reliable clean energy by streamlining the natural gas
pipeline permitting process at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

- H.R. 4700, the Pipeline Safety Act of 2019 (*Upton*) reauthorizes the nation's pipeline safety program for two years and provides states and the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) with additional workforce resources and authorities.
- H.R. 7400, Protecting American Energy Production Act (*Duncan*) prohibits ban on hydraulic fracturing to preserve American's energy independence and national security.
- H.R. 7429, Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act (Mullin) encourages the deployment of clean energy and safeguards American energy security by establishing coordinated procedures to authorize the construction of cross-border pipelines and electricity transmission.
- H.R. 7404, Unlocking Our Domestic LNG Potential Act (Johnson) ensures U.S. global energy leadership and competitiveness by removing regulatory barriers to exporting and importing natural gas while maintaining FERC and PHMSA regulation of LNG facilities.

Hydropower

• H.R. 7410, Hydropower Clean Energy Future Act (Rodgers) – updates and strengthens the licensing process for renewable hydropower projects and promotes innovation and next-generation hydropower technologies that protect the environment and natural resources.

New Source Review Reform

• H.R. 172, New Source Review Permitting Improvement Act (*Griffith*) – provides regulatory certainty and encourages investment, particularly in emissions-reducing upgrades, by reforming the NSR program for industrial facilities and power plants to clarify when facility upgrades require permits.